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SUBJ: MBFR: FEBRUARY 14 SPC DISCUSSION OF LINKAGE BETWEEN PHASES

REF: USNATO 482 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY: AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL (REFTEL), SPC BEGAN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF LINKAGE ISSUE. BELGIAN, DUTCH AND CANADIAN REPS BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR NATO TO UNDERTAKE PROMPT STUDY OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED IN LINKAGE. US URGED CAUTIOUS APPROACH. NEXT SPC DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25. END SUMMARY

1. BELGIAN REP BELIEVED THAT LINKAGE ISSUE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY URGENT MATTER FOR REVIEW IN NATO. IT INVOLVES NUMEROUS ASPECTS PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS, VERIFICATION, STABIL-
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ZING MEASURES, PARTICIPATION, POSSIBLE FREEZE ON EUROPEAN ALLIED FORCES, ETC--WHICH ALLIES WILL NEED TO CONSIDER. SUCH WORK WOULD BE HIGHLY RELEVANT TO DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA. SPC SHOULD DRAW UP A DETAILED LIST OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES INVOLVED IN LINKAGE FOR

STUDY IN NATO. DUTCH AND CANADIAN REPS AGREED WITH THE BELGIAN REP AND THOUGHT THAT SPC SHOULD BEGIN SOON TO IDENTIFY THE POLITICAL ASPECTS.

2. US REP GRANTED THAT THOSE CONSIDERATIONS DESERVE ATTENTION IN NATO, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT SPC WAIT FOR THE COMPLETION OF WORKING GROUP EXAMINATION OF MILITARY/TECHNICAL FACTORS. SPC NEED NOT DEFER DISCUSSIONS ENTIRELY IN THE MEANTIME, BUT ITS DELIBERATIONS WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL IF BASED ON RELIABLE TECHNICAL MILITARY INFORMATION.

3. SPC CHAIRMAN SCHEDULED THE NEXT DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 25 AND ASKED DELEGATIONS TO OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS PREFERRED APPROACH TO THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION.
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